(d) if so; whether Government propose to suitably amend the rules so as to permit Indian Forest Service Officers to appear in Civil Services Examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, regulations do not prohibit IFS probationers from appearing for Civil Services Examination. Candidates successful at IFS Examination are, at their request, allowed to defer joining the Service without any loss of seniority for one year, if they choose to appear at the Civil Services Examination. However, once they join the Forest Academy for training, prolonged absence form training, for whatever, purpose, is not approved as it has an adverse effect on the probationers undergoing training, impairing their abilities to discharge their duties later as Forest Officers. Recent pronouncements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court have upheld the validity of measures to ensures individed attention of the trainees to the training programmes.

(c) Government are aware of some IFS trainees having appeared at Civil Services Examination, 1990 after obtaining orders of CAT, Delhi. It is reported that only two have been successful.

(d) No such proposal is contemplated.

Pollution threat in Himachal Pradesh

1155. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate mining operations near Naldera and Bhattakufar have posed a serious pollution threat to the tourist resort of Shimla in Himachal Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to save the tourist resort from pollution; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Stone crushers in Naldera and Bhattakufar are causing air pollution. Three units located in Naldera are also doing mining operations.

(b) and (c) Notices have been issued to all these units by the State Pollution Control Board to put up pollution control equipment according to a time bound programme, and conform to the requirements of the legislation.

रणथम्भौर टाइगर प्रोजेक्ट में जानवरों की गणना

1156. डा० अबरार अहमद : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सवाई माधोपुर स्थित रणथम्भौर टाइगर प्रोजेक्ट में जानवरों की अंतिम गणना कब की गई थी तथा उस गणना के अनुसार वहां जानवरों की संख्या कितनी थी ;

(ख) रणथम्भौर टाइगर प्रोजेक्ट के परिसर में जाने के लिए विदेशी तथा भारतीय पर्यटकों के लिए विहित नियम क्या-क्या हैं तथा उसका शुल्क कितना-कितना है तथा वहां किस प्रकार के वाहनों को प्रवेश करने दिया जाता है, इस संबंध में तीन वर्ष पूर्व क्या-क्या नियम थे तथा इन नियमों में कब-कब तथा किन-किन स्तरों पर संशोधन किया गया ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने जनता की राय जानने के लिए नियमों का संशोधन करने वाले को प्रारूप परिचालित किया था; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार सवाई माधोपुर के लोगों को लाभान्वित करने तथा अधिकारियों के मनमाने रवैये पर अंकुश लगाने के उद्देश्य से कोई योजना बनाने का विचार रखती है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) रणथम्भौर बाघ परियोजना में पशुओं की अंतिम गणना अप्रैल 1991 में की गई थी। अंतिम गणना के अनुसार प्रमुख पशुओं की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

1.	बाघ	45
2.	चीते	50
3.	रीछ	67
4.	चीतल	3881
5.	सांभर	2166
6.	नीलगाय	1007

7.	चिकारा	. .	291
8.	वनैला सूअर	. .	632
9.	लोमड़ी	. .	62
10.	सियार	. .	158
11.	डायना	. .	48

(ख) विदेशी और देशी पर्यटकों के लिए अब और तीन वर्ष पूर्व लागू निर्धारित नियम और शुल्क क्रमशः अनुपत्र में दिये गये हैं । राजस्थान सरकार द्वारा 1990 में नियमों में संशोधन किया गया :

[देखिये परिशिष्ट 161, अनुपत्र संख्या 30]

(ग) जी नहीं, वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा) अधिनियम, 1972 (केन्द्रीय अधिनियम 1972 का 53वां) की धारा 64 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करके राजस्थान सरकार द्वारा नियमों में संशोधन किया गया है ।

(घ) राजस्थान सरकार के वन विभाग ने बाघ परियोजना क्षेत्र के आसपास रहने वाले सवाई माधोपुर के लोगों के लाभ के लिए एक परि-विकास स्कीम तैयार की है ।

Prevention of Pollution

1157. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a policy for preventing pollution, if so, whether comments of State Government were invited/examined on the subject ;

(b) whether the policy seeks to create necessary awareness in the country for preventing pollution, if so, what are the priority areas; and

(c) whether Goverment propose to provide for fiscal incentives to various industries, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Protection of the Environment has ways been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. This has to be a continuing process. As part of this process, we have to seek intergration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning, lay stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promotion of technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and increase reliance upon public cooperation in securing a clean environment. The Awareness Campaign has been stepped up in all aspects concerning the environment.

(c) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment.

A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

Environment Protection Act

1158. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Environment Act to get teeth" which appeared in the Indian Express of 12th November, 1991, and.

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on the points raised in the news item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration

Environmental clearance for Coal Mining, Power and Irrigation Projects

1159. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the number of coal mining, power and irrigation projects of Orissa which are pending for the environmental clearance ;

(b) what is the date of receipt of the proposals ;

(c) whether Government have cleared any project during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the date-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) There are three Coal mining proects and one power project in Orissa whch are pending for environmental